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IVORY COAST

1. FROM TIME TO TIME, GOIC WILL PUBLISH ARTICLES TO
INFORM THE PUBLIC ON THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES UNDER
THE IVORIAN CONSTITUTION AND LEGAL SYSTEM THROUGH SEMI-
OFFICAL "FRATERNITE MATIN" AND OTHER MEDIA. MARCH
15 ISSUE OF "FRATERNITE MATIN" PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE
ENTITLED "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND DUTIES," WHICH FOCUSES
ON THE MEANS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS TO FILE GRIEVANCES
AGAINST OTHER INDIVIDUALS THROUGH IVORIAN LEGAL SYSTEM. AT THE END OF
THE ARTICLE, HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE POSED
TO BETTER ILLUSTRATE KEY POINTS WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED
BELOW.

2. THERE ARE THREE WAYS AN INDIVIDUAL MAY FILE A
GRIEVANCE. THESE PROCEDURES ARE REFERRED TO AS MINOR,
MEDIUM AND MAJOR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.
A. MINOR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE: ACCORDING TO THIS
RPROCEDURE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY FILE A GRIEVANCE, OR BRING
A CHARGE, AT THE LOCAL POLICE STATION. THE POLICE WILL
THEN BRING THE ACCUSED TO THE POLICE STATION AND MAY,
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DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE CASE, DETAIN HIM. A
JUDICIAL INQUIRY BY THE POKICE THEN TAKES PLACE TO
ASCERTAIN THE FACTS, AFTER WHICH THE CASE GOES TO
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

B. MEDIUM GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE: WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL
BELIEVES THAT THE MINOR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE IS TOO

SLOW OR OTHERWISE UNSATISFACTORY, HE MAY TAKE HIS GRIEVANCE DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WILL THEN TRANSMIT THE CASE TO THE JUDICIARY POLICE, WHICH IS THEN OBLIGATED TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE WITHOUT DELAY.

C. MAJOR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE: ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 85 OF THE IVORIAN PENAL CODE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY INITIATE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING TO OBTAIN REPARATIONS BEFORE AN INVESTIGATION MAGISTRATE. IN ORDER TO PREVENT ABUSE OF THIS PROCEDURE, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO INITIATES THE PROCEEDINGS DEPOSIT A SUM OF MONEY THE AMOUNT OF WHICH IS DETERMINED BY THE INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE. IF THE INDIVIDUAL LOSES THE CASE, HE WILL LOSE THE DEPOSIT FOR PAYMENT OF COURT COSTS. MOREOVER, A PERSON FALSELY ACCUSED, OR WHO CONSIDERS HIMSELF SLANDERED BY CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED BY THE MAGISTRATE, MAY INITIATE A LIBEL SUIT AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL WHO INITIATED THE PROCEEDINGS.
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